

Bush's Inauguration Brings Protests

Portlanders take over downtown with marches

Despite celebratory media coverage of President Bush's second inauguration on Thursday in Washington D.C., some Portlanders weren't so happy about the event. Nearly 2,000 protesters marched downtown with signs and chants, upset by the idea of four more years with Bush. By the end of the day, 15 adults and two juveniles were arrested on various degrees.

Marches began at 2:30 p.m., with the main protest beginning at 5 p.m. in the North Park Blocks.

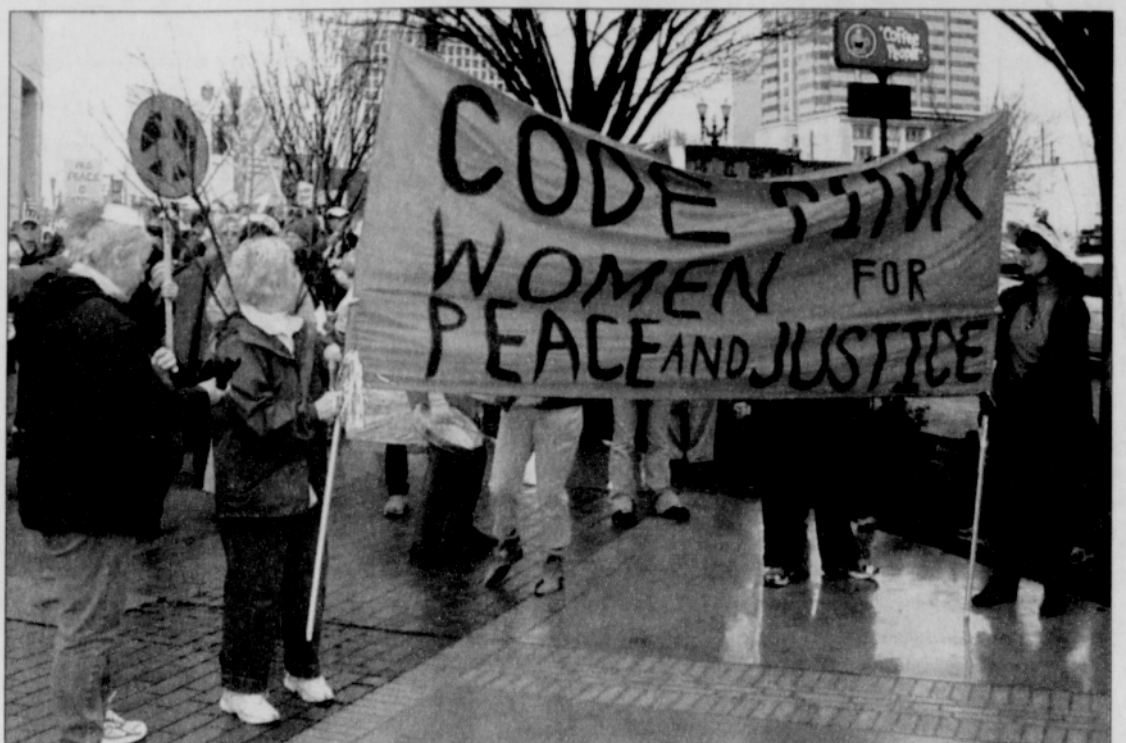
For the most part, protesters remained peaceful, demanding an end to the war in Iraq and beneficial financial policies toward the rich.

Beyond disrupting rush-hour traffic, two protesters attached themselves to gas pump handles with Kryptonite U-locks—it took the Portland bomb squad to remove them. Other activists shouted "No Blood for Oil" as police covered in riot-gear



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edged closer. Posters held with sticks read "War is terrorism with a higher budget" and "War begins with W." Drum beats could be heard under the cry "What do we want? Peace! Now!" A U.S. flag was burned in front of the federal courthouse, halting the march and resulting in a stand-off between police and a small group of masked demonstrators.



Portland area residents voice their frustration with the American occupation in Iraq on the same day President Bush was sworn into office for a second four-year term. Three anti-Bush marches were held in the city, resulting in 17 arrests.

Cultural Center Fights for Vitality

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ated for IFCC funding as the parks director until he retired in 2003. Former city Commissioner Jim Francesconi carried on Jordan's legacy with an annual donation to IFCC from the Parks Bureau budget.

Sam Adams, Portland's newest city commissioner, has said he wants to continue IFCC's funding because of its value in the community. A proposed gift of \$100,000 from the city's rainy-day fund is on the City Council's Feb. 9 agenda.

"IFCC is not going to close its doors," said Carlton Oakes, IFCC's executive director.

According to Oakes, the center has planned several fundraising events and an advisory board is focusing on long-term financial sustainability. It is currently searching for expert from the corporate world to help with marketing strategies.

The best way to support the IFCC is to not take it for granted, advocates say. Everyone can as-



Kids line up outside the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. with their drama and arts instructor Miss LaVerne Green.

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sist in securing its future by attending shows, making donations and encouraging others to take advantage of its diverse programming.

"IFCC has been a fixture in the

north/northeast community for over 23 years. We're the only multicultural arts organization in Portland. We see our future as continuing to be part of the community," Oakes said.



Trillium Charter School students Nathaniel Harold-Golden, Anais Liston and Izahia Henry raise funds for tsunami victims.

Kids Help Disaster Relief

When the students at Trillium Charter School in north Portland heard the news of the tsunami disaster, they knew there had to be a way to help out.

In a combined effort with their teachers, the students are organizing several fund-raisers, including a penny drive, "art shoe" sale and benefit dinner.

Two hundred doll shoes, originally donated to the reuse nonprofit Schoolhouse Supplies, have been decorated by the students

for re-sale under the direction of Trillium art teacher Raina Imig.

Next up is an Art Night Tsunami Relief Fundraiser, to be held at the school on Thursday, Feb. 10. Dinner will be served from 6 to 7 p.m. with a silent art auction and sale running from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Trillium Charter School is located at 116 N. Page St. between Vancouver and Williams. The school is in its third year, serving a very diverse population of students K through 12.

Bones Buried on County Site

Human remains were found on the third day of digging beneath a building and parking lot at the Multnomah County Morrison Street property next to Lone Fir Cemetery in southeast Portland.

"We are moving forward with the utmost care, and will work with the proper authorities to make sure this is handled appropriately," said County Commissioner Maria Rojo de Steffey.

Records indicate that Chinese

immigrants were buried in a segregated section of Lone Fir Cemetery in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Some of the remains were removed in the early 1950s as part of the Chinese community's effort to bring their deceased relatives back to China and make room for a county building.

Recently, there has been some concern by the Chinese community and the Buckman Community Association regarding whether all

of the remains were removed. Archaeologists found evidence of more than one coffin and a marble grave marker with a person's last name etched in Chinese.

They covered the site and reburied the bones.

The discovery lends weight to the claim that the graves of women and children were left behind when county officials paved the site.

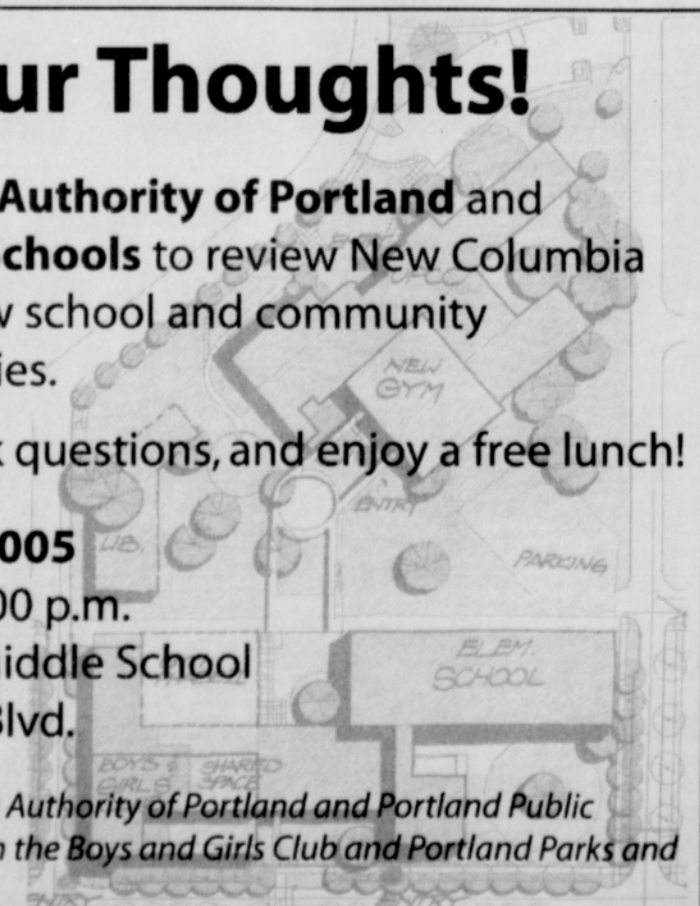
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